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the municipal council and the maintenance of the election establishment.' These are the three items proposed to be included. The hon. Member for Coimbatore raises the question as to who is to bear the expenses if after the elections are over proceedings are instituted contesting the validity of elections in courts. I think that question has not been examined nor do I think that comes under this. Rules will have to be framed for that. Under the circumstances I think the hon. Member for Coimbatore will see that what is included is only the cost of the preparation of the electoral rolls and the maintaining of an establishment. The hon. Member for Bellary suggested that the elections may be held as early as possible. I am entirely in agreement with him. I think it is my duty to see that these elections are brought into force as early as possible. I would not have moved this amendment if I had not felt the need and urgency for holding the elections as early as possible."

The motion was put and carried.

XV.—RULE UNDER SECTION 201 (1) OF THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

*The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Sir, I move the following rule proposed to be made by the Local Government under sub-section (1) of section 201 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, amending rule 1 of Schedule V to that Act be approved :—

" In the said rule 1—

(i) in sub-rule (*a*)—

(*a*) in clause (i), the word 'and' at the end shall be omitted; and

(*b*) clause (ii) shall be renumbered as clause (iii) and the following shall be inserted as clause (ii), namely :—

'(ii) the election expenses including the cost of the preparation and revision of the electoral roll, the conduct of elections to the local board, and the maintenance of the election establishment.

Explanation.—The cost of maintenance of the election establishment shall include the pay, pension and leave allowances, if any, of the officers and servants of the Government or of any other authority, employed in the preparation and revision of the electoral roll and in the conduct of the elections;' and

(ii) sub-rule (*b*) shall be re-lettered as sub-rule (*c*) and the following shall be inserted as sub-rule (*b*), namely :—

'(*b*) The Local Government shall determine every year the amount of the election expenses referred to in clause (ii) of sub-rule (*a*) and their determination shall be final and binding on the local board. Such amount shall have

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priority over all other charges except charges for the service of authorized loans including the loans and advances specified in section 121-A, and the expenses specified in sub-section (2) of section 41.'

"This is an analogous provision in the Local Boards Act and for the reasons I have stated in regard to the District Municipalities Act this amendment is proposed."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

XVI.—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1930-31.

GRANT XXX—CIVIL WORKS—GRANTS-IN-AID—TRANSFERRED.

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move

'*That the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 13,00,000 *under Grant XXX—Civil Works—Grants-in-aid—Transferred.*

" In moving this grant, Sir, I wish to state a few words. Hon. Members have got in their hands an explanatory note explaining the object of this grant. Sir, the Government of India have allotted a sum of 13 lakhs from the proceeds of petrol tax to this province to be spent on works which the Government of India have to approve of. That 13 lakhs has been distributed for various works on trunk roads shown as Part I in the note. Those works were already sanctioned in the budget estimate last March to be met from the general revenues of this province. The sanction of this Council is required for that allotment. At the same time the 13 lakhs which would be released is proposed to be given for other works of urgent nature many of which are already in progress and some of which are yet to be taken as new works. In the list of works shown as Part II in the memorandum, works already in execution and new works are given in detail. It is proposed, Sir, to allot these 13 lakhs for these works. They are works which are already recommended by the district boards and which the Government find necessary to go on with. I may also say that as the Council had to be held so late, Government have already asked the boards to go on with the works in anticipation of this Council's sanction. If such order had not been given, it will not be possible to spend the amount. I, therefore, move that these 13 lakhs be granted."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR seconded the motion.

* Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move

'*That the allotment of Rs.* 13 *lakhs for Civil Works—Grats-in-in-aid—Transferred be reduced by Rs.* 100.'

" My object is to point out the needs of South Kanara with regard to roads and bridges. Sir, South Kanara is a very neglected district. It is a district with very few railways. We have in South Kanara only